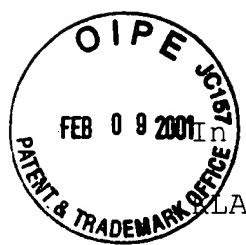


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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LAUS MELGAARD ET AL

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Title: REMOVABLE FILTERS AND WATER HEATING VESSELS
INCORPORATING SUCH

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 22,
2000, please amend the above-identified case as follows

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 1 without prejudice and add the following new
claim:

12. A filter for use in a water heating vessel for removing
sedimentary material, including scale, from the water,
wherein the filter comprises a mesh material provided with
a frame and a scale collector, separate from said mesh
material and coupled to the frame.

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 2, change "1" to -- 12--;

line 3, change "on a frame of the filter" to

--mounted on the frame--;

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